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Soviet Bloc Military Assistance to Cuba

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that Cuban pilots are engaged in flight training in Czechoslovakia. [REDACTED]
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The type of aircraft involved has not been determined. More than 100 Cubans were reportedly sent to Czechoslovakia in July and August for various types of military instruction, including flight and maintenance training on bloc aircraft. This information suggests that bloc military aircraft, if not already in Cuba, can be expected to arrive by the time this training is completed. [REDACTED]
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Recent reports state that the two Soviet vessels which delivered arms to Cuba during the first ten days of October carried antiaircraft artillery, Czech machine guns and ammunition, at least 100 jeeps, probably more tanks, and other unidentified equipment. [REDACTED]

The Soviet merchant ship Atkarsk left the Black Sea on 3 October carrying the fourth major shipment of bloc arms to Cuba since early September. Of the ship's 8,000 tons of cargo, more than 2,400 tons is known to be materiel. Since passing Gibraltar on 7 October the Atkarsk has [REDACTED]
the normal procedure for an arms carrier. [REDACTED]
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